



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

RICK PERRY  
GOVERNOR

April 16, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Through: Mr. Tony Russell, Regional Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
FEMA Region VI  
Federal Regional Center  
Denton, Texas 76209

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.36, I request that you declare a major disaster for the State of Texas as a result of wildland fires in 252 counties beginning December 21, 2010, and continuing.

The requested counties are: Anderson, Andrews, Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Austin, Bailey, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brewster, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Carson, Cass, Castro, Chambers, Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dallas, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Denton, DeWitt, Dickens, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, El Paso, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Gaines, Galveston, Garza, Gillespie, Glasscock, Goliad, Gonzales, Gray, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hartley, Haskell, Hays, Hemphill, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Howard, Hudspeth, Hunt, Hutchison, Irion, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kenedy, Kent, Kerr, Kimble, King, Kinney, Kleberg, Knox, La Salle, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Llano, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Marion, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, McLennan, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Montgomery, Moore, Morris, Motley, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nolan, Nueces, Ochiltree, Oldham, Orange, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Polk, Potter, Presidio, Rains, Randall, Reagan, Real, Red River, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Shelby, Sherman, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Tarrant, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Upton, Uvalde, Val

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Verde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Ward, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Yoakum, Young, Zapata and Zavala.

In response to the situation, I have taken appropriate action under State law and directed the execution of the State Emergency Plan on December 21, 2010, in accordance with Section 401 of the Stafford Act. The initial gubernatorial State of Disaster was issued on December 21, 2010, and included 252 counties. Subsequently, renewals of the gubernatorial proclamation have been made each month since the initial proclamation.

The State of Texas Strategic Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA on October 21, 2010.

At this point, I am not requesting a joint Federal, State and local survey of the damaged areas due to the fact that extensive fire suppression cost information is being reported daily through the Texas Forest Service's web-based fire reporting system.

The wildland fire risk potential has reached a critically high level within the state due to the current threats of wildland fuels, critical fire weather, and fire occurrence. A combination of higher than normal temperatures, low precipitation and low relative humidity has caused extreme fire danger over most of the state. These have combined to present a serious hazard to the lives and property of the citizens of the state from the destructive potential of a wildland fire. During the wildland fire season, one firefighter tragically lost his life, one was severely injured and 17 received moderate to minor injuries. The threat posed by the wildland fuels is due to the above normal amount of grasses that developed from last summer's rains. All these grasses have now cured with the onset of winter temperatures, and are available as fuel for a wildland fire. Recent and forecasted weather is further adding to the seriousness of the situation. Fronts are coming through the state on a regular pattern bringing with them strong winds and low humidity. Wildland fires occurring under these conditions are generating intensities that are creating very high difficulties of control. Wind gusts above 30 mph and relative humidity values below 20 percent are common with these frontal passages resulting in extreme fire behavior and conditions that threaten any and everything in a fire's path.

Since the wildland fire season began, Texas has responded to 7,807 fires across the state that have burned more than 1,528,714 acres and destroyed 244 homes. Rescue efforts have saved 8,514 threatened homes. Unusually high winds moving across record dry fuels resulted in fire intensities with very high difficulty of control. The high winds moving across record dry fuels have resulted in average fire rates of spread of 200 feet per minute or 2 to 3 miles per hour. During the last 24 hours, several fires have reached flame lengths of 20 to 25 feet and flame heights of 100 to 150 feet with fire rates of spread of 4 to 5 miles per hour. We have reports of fire moving at 6 mph.

Wildland fire activity has been steadily increasing since the first of the year in both number and size. The affected counties have responded by implementing outdoor burning bans and/or local disaster declarations. Recent fire activity has occurred over a large area of the state taxing both local and state

resources' ability to respond. State resources have been mobilized and strategically positioned across the state. The weather forecast indicates that this frontal pattern is expected to continue into late spring with below normal chances for precipitation and above normal temperatures. The winter fire season has now transitioned into a spring fire season with fire activity continuing to increase. As such, it is further expected that state resource capabilities will be exceeded and additional out-of-state resources will be needed to assist with the response.

I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local governments and that supplementary Federal assistance is necessary. I am specifically requesting Category B and Direct Federal Assistance under the Public Assistance Program for the following counties: Anderson, Andrews, Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Austin, Bailey, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brewster, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Carson, Cass, Castro, Chambers, Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dallas, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Denton, DeWitt, Dickens, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, El Paso, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Gaines, Galveston, Garza, Gillespie, Glasscock, Goliad, Gonzales, Gray, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hartley, Haskell, Hays, Hemphill, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Howard, Hudspeth, Hunt, Hutchison, Irion, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kenedy, Kent, Kerr, Kimble, King, Kinney, Kleberg, Knox, La Salle, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Llano, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Marion, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, McLennan, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Montgomery, Moore, Morris, Motley, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nolan, Nueces, Ochiltree, Oldham, Orange, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Polk, Potter, Presidio, Rains, Randall, Reagan, Real, Red River, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Shelby, Sherman, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Tarrant, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Ward, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Yoakum, Young, Zapata and Zavala.

The primary reason for the state requesting Public Assistance Category B instead of utilizing the current FMAG declarations is because FMAGs only cover less than 15 percent of the total response costs. This deficit is emphasized when the large number of fires exceeds the number of approved FMAGs.

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Preliminary estimates of the types and amount of assistance needed under the Stafford Act are tabulated in Enclosure B (Enclosure A is not required). Estimated requirements for assistance from certain Federal agencies under other statutory authorities are not applicable as stated in Enclosure C.

The following information is furnished on the nature and amount of State and local resources that have been or will be used to alleviate the conditions of this disaster:

**Amarillo Disaster District Committee (DDC):** Amarillo State DDC co-located with the City of Amarillo on April 10, 2011.

**Texas Forest Service (TFS):** Texas Forest Service has activated the Merkel Incident Command Post (ICP) located in Merkel, Texas, just outside of Abilene. TFS has one other command post located in Fort Davis. In response to wildfire suppression operations, the following TFS resources have been mobilized:

MERKEL ICP / Lone Star State IMT (LSS-IMT) for entire state, Merkel/Abilene – LSS-IMT, 1 Type III IMT, 2 dozers, 1 engine, 3 Type I air tankers, 2 lead planes, 1 Air Attack, 1 Type 1 Helicopter, 4 Single Engine Air tankers; Snyder – 2 Type I Helicopters, 1 Type 3 Helicopter; Austin – 2 National Guard UH-60 Blackhawks; San Antonio – 2 National Guard UH-60 Blackhawks; Granbury – 2 dozers, 1 engine; Mineral Wells – 1 Air Attack; McGregor – 1 dozer; Greenville – 1 dozer, 1 engine; LaGrange – 3 dozers, 1 maintainer, 1 engine; Uvalde – 2 dozers, 1 engine; Fredericksburg – 5 dozers, 1 engine, 1 Air Attack; Kingsville – 1 dozer; Canyon/Amarillo – 2 dozers, 1 engine, 1 Air Attack; Childress – 2 dozers, 2 engines; Kent Co. (Cooper Mountain Ranch Fire) – 7 dozers, 5 engines, 4 TIFMAS Strike Teams (17 engines), 1 hand crew; Henrietta – 3 dozers, 2 engines, 1 TIFMAS Strike Teams (4 engines); Stephens Co. (PK West Fire) – 4 dozers, 3 engines, 3 TIFMAS Strike Teams (13 engines); Uvalde – 2 Single Engine Air tankers; Linden Zone – 22 dozers; Henderson Zone – 20 dozers, 1 Type 3 Helicopter; Livingston Zone – 16 dozers, 1 engine

USFS BLUE TEAM – Midland ICP for West Branch

Midland – Blue IMT; San Angelo – 3 dozers, 7 engines, 1 Air Attack, 1 Type I Helicopter; Sonora – 1 Type I Helicopter; Ft. Stockton – 4 dozers, 6 engines, 1 TIFMAS Strike Team (5 engines), 4 hand crews, 2 Air Attacks, 1 Type II Helicopter, 2 Type III Helicopters, 2 Single Engine Air tankers; Jeff Davis Co. (Rockhouse Fire) – 3 engines, 1 TIFMAS Strike Team (4 engine), 8 hand crews

**Texas Military Forces (TXMF):** Four Texas Military Forces UH-60 helicopters are activated, 2 staged in Austin and 2 staged in San Antonio. The REDCON Level for Austin and San Antonio Blackhawks for Friday was REDCON Level 1. TXMF is providing 2 Dozer Force Packages (consists of 4 dozers, 16 personnel, 4 M916 Transporters, 1 M998 Series HUMM V, 1 Fueller and 1 wrecker) that will be stationed in Merkel/Abilene.

**Texas AgriLife Extension Service (ALEXT):** 391 AgriLife Extension county agents and 19 specialists continue to support TFS to prevent and mitigate wildfires through public information and

education addressing mitigation and brush and forage management; 11 county Extension agents were activated as members of USDA County Emergency Boards to assess damages for Texas Animal Health Commission and in preparation for potential county, state and USDA Secretarial disaster declaration; 12 county extension agents assisted in activating a local Animal Issues Plan to stand up animal shelters in Fisher County, and to continue operations of Livestock Supply Points in Ft. Davis and Aspermont to receive and distribute 20 donated truckloads of feed/hay to livestock producers who were impacted by the wildfire incidents; 4 county extension agents assisted with local shelters and donations to support families who were evacuated or lost their homes; 4 communications specialists are activated to support the TFS Joint Information Center with public information and education via media relations and electronic media featured at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought>; 24 district and regional supervisors coordinated outreach and field operations with county extension agents. Additional home, family and landowner/producer educational resources are available on the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network's website at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>.

**Pecos County Livestock Supply Point** - Livestock supply and food such as hay, feed and grazing relocation.

**Stonewall County Livestock Supply Point** - Livestock supply and food such as hay, feed and grazing relocation.

**Jeff Davis County Livestock Supply Point** - Livestock supply and food such as hay, feed and grazing relocation.

**Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) personnel continue to conduct damage assessments in coordination with Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers and Texas AgriLife Extension personnel as well as helping coordinate resources needs in the local livestock supply points.

**2-1-1 Texas Information & Referral Network:** 2-1-1 Area Information Centers in the affected regions are in communication with their local emergency management and voluntary agencies and are standing by to assist as needed.

**Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA):** The Texas Department of Agriculture activated its State of Texas Agricultural Relief Fund (STAR Fund). The fund was created to collect monetary contributions from private individuals and entities to assist farmers and ranchers in responding to and recovering from an emergency. The STAR Fund may be used to help restore agricultural operations and pay for urgent relief efforts. To make a contribution, a contributor may visit [www.TexasAgriculture.gov/starfund](http://www.TexasAgriculture.gov/starfund). TDA is also encouraging impacted ranchers to utilize the Hay Hotline to locate forage and hay supplies. The listings include individuals and businesses that have hay for sale or pasture for lease. To use the Hay Hotline, an individual or business may call 1-877-429-1998 or go to [www.TexasAgriculture.gov](http://www.TexasAgriculture.gov) and look under *Most Popular Links*. A drought and wildfire assistance page has been launched at [www.TexasAgriculture.gov/disaster](http://www.TexasAgriculture.gov/disaster) (click on *Drought and*

*Wildfire Assistance*). TDA also continues to stay in contact with the Texas Animal Health Commission, AgriLife Extension, other state agencies and industry stakeholders.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT continues to monitor the situation and stands ready to assist by providing maintainers and dozers as requested. TxDOT is displaying "Extreme Wildfire Danger" on the dynamic message signs for Amarillo and Lubbock. Resources have been committed in the following districts:

- **Odessa District**  
Nine personnel and seven trucks are deployed for the Frying Pan Ranch. Seven personnel and one maintainer, six other vehicles and one portable changeable message board have been deployed for the Cannon Complex fire. One changeable message board has been positioned at the Rockhouse Fire.
- **El Paso District**  
Eleven personnel are working the Fort Davis Fire in Brewster County where they are providing fuel (400 gallons) and water. Two dozers are on standby and one dozer was transported to Odessa for deployment to San Angelo. An additional six other vehicles are on standby for El Paso District and have been staged in Van Horn yard.
- **Childress District**  
Nine personnel, two dozers, two maintainers and five other vehicles are working Swenson Fire in King County.
- **San Angelo District**  
Twenty-one personnel, three dozers, five blades and 15 other vehicles are working the Wildcat Fire in Tom Green and Coke Counties.
- **Abilene District**  
Thirteen personnel, six maintainers and seven other vehicles worked the Camp Spring Fire in Scurry and Fisher Counties up until the morning of April 16th. Resources have been released and are not currently committed.
- **Ft. Worth District**  
Fuel tankers from Stephens County are being moved to Strawn along with a command center.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** Abilene DDC continues, along with TDEM Regional Liaison Officers, to work from the TFS State IMT site in Merkel. DPS Communication has provided two Communications platforms. The following table provides a current breakdown of DPS Highway Patrol District wildland fire response, for a total of 26 personnel, 1 helicopter and 1 fixed wing aircraft:

	4B	4A	5A	5C	Total
<b>Troopers</b>	12	6	25	41	84
<b>Sgts</b>	1	2	3	7	13
<b>Lts</b>			1	1	2
<b>Cpts</b>				1	1
<b>Pilots</b>	6				6
					<b>106</b>

<b>Helicopters</b>	3				<b>3</b>
<b>Fixed Wing</b>					<b>0</b>

**The Salvation Army (TSA):**  
San Angelo, Tom Green County

At the request of the San Angelo Emergency Manager, the following assets are operational for wildland fire response to Tom Green County.

- (1) TSA mobile kitchens providing food to responders and evacuees
- (1) SBDR field kitchen and team on stand-by in San Angelo

A shelter was opened by the City of San Angelo to support possible evacuations for approximately 500 to 1000 citizens.

Strawn, Palo Pinto County

- (1) TSA Mobile Feeding Kitchen will provide responder meals at Strawn ICP for lunch. (2) TSA canteens are enroute to provide responder meals for dinner and to have an additional canteen in the area if needed.

Camp Springs, Scurry County

- (1) TSA Mobile Feeding Kitchen enroute to Camp Springs to provide hydration and snacks to VFD.

Ft. Davis, Jeff Davis County

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Teams will begin "ash" clean out operations in Ft. Davis. Teams are working with local officials, churches and their Regional Liaison Officer to assist disaster victims.

Mass Care ESF team members have been placed on standby.

The 2-1-1 information network continues to provide evacuation and shelter information to and from Area Information Centers in impacted areas. Monitoring of potential sites for "Emotional and Spiritual

Care” team deployment from Victim Relief Ministries is ongoing. State Mass Care and DSHS Disaster Behavioral Specialists are sharing information. At this time, The Salvation Army has 6 canteens in theater (1) canteen each is assigned to Strawn ICP, San Angelo ICP and Camp Springs VFD = (3) canteens. (3) Additional TSA canteens are enroute to multiple locations in West Central Texas to relieve or supplement committed assets. State Mass Care continues to monitor and assess information provided from the field and gathered from voluntary organizations for possible mass care needs.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** The following is a breakdown of ARC activities:

Hirschi High School shelter will close later today at the request of the County Judge in Wichita Falls. Most of the responders that were seeking respite there have moved to Graham to support fire suppression there.

Gordon Community Center evacuation shelter is closed and was never open due to the evacuation of the City.

The ARC is getting support to the IC post at the San Angelo Coliseum shelter to assist with communicating requests.

The ARC is providing the Palo Pinto Co. area 75 cots to support responders.

The following information is furnished on efforts and resources of other Federal agencies, which have been or will be used in responding to this incident:

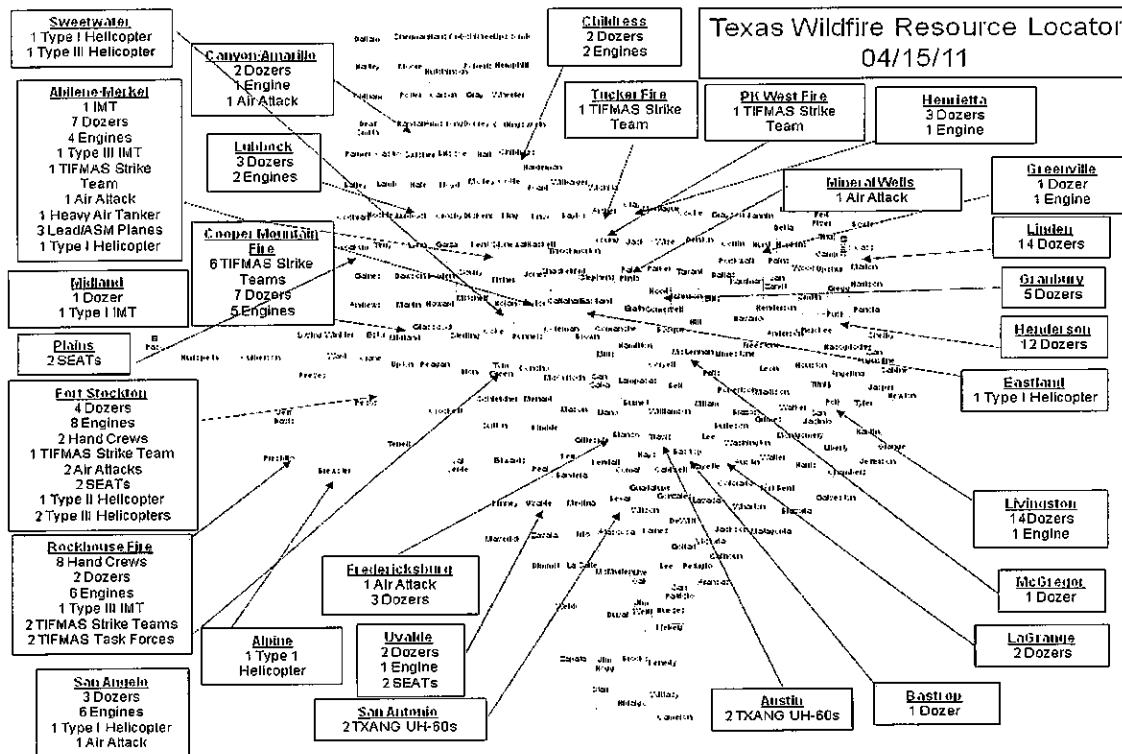
All federal agencies listed below participate in the National Wildfire Coordinating Group. As a result, all agencies have dealt with fires in their respective areas as well as assisted local jurisdictions in response efforts.

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Park Service
- US Forest Service

Below is a list of state and federal resources committed in addition to existing local and tribal resources.



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I certify that for this major disaster, the State and local governments will assume all applicable non-federal shares of costs required by the Stafford Act. Based on an anticipated 25 percent cost share for a potential declaration, total local expenditures would exceed \$17,500,000 in accordance with the table in Enclosure D.

I request Direct Federal Assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property.

- (a) Due to preparations for overseas commitments, the Texas Military Forces aviation and other support to wildland fire suppression has been limited.
- (b) I specifically request the following types of Direct Federal Assistance:

Providing firefighting resources, approved and ordered by Texas Forest Service, to include aviation assets, wildland, structural and wildland/urban interface firefighting resources to state and local agencies in support of firefighting operations in Texas.

Resources would include kind, type and quantities of engines, tenders, crews, dozers, aviation assets, other firefighting and support equipment, and appropriate overhead to include operational and support personnel as needed to provide coordination, oversight, medical support and safety.

Firefighting tasks would include:

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Initial attack  
Perimeter control  
Structural firefighting  
Vehicle firefighting  
Medical aid  
Civilian notification and evacuation  
Protection of structures from vegetation fires  
Support to other firefighting operations (airport use agreements and related support to federal aircraft, water source development, chainsaw work, etc.).

In accordance with 44 CFR § 206.208, the State of Texas agrees that it will, with respect to Direct Federal Assistance:

1. For the duration of this incident, provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work;
2. Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work;
3. Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State Agreement; and
4. Assist the performing federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

I have designated Shari Ramirez-MacKay as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. She will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in damage assessments and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

Sincerely,



Rick Perry  
Governor

RP:dzk

Enclosures

**ENCLOSURE B TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST**

Estimated Requirements for Public Assistance  
Stafford Act

CATEGORY

County	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Total
		\$70,000,000						\$70,000,000
Totals:		\$70,000,000						\$70,000,000

*Note: Estimates are to reflect total eligible costs before any cost sharing.*

**ENCLOSURE C TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST**

Estimated Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs

County	SBA Home Loans	SBA Business Loans	FSA Loans	NRCS	FHWA	USACE	OTHER
	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	
Totals							

*Note: Provide numbers and amounts, as appropriate.*

## **ENCLOSURE D TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST**

### Governor's Certification

I certify that for this current disaster, State and local government expenditures and obligations will include the non-federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act. As stated in my basic letter, and based on information available at this time, tabulation of these estimated expenditures and obligations are as follows:

CATEGORY OF ASSISTANCE	AMOUNT	
	STATE	LOCAL
Individual Assistance:		
"Other Assistance" under the Individuals and Households Program	0	0
Other (specify)	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	0	0
Public Assistance:		
Category A - Debris Removal	0	0
Category B - Emergency Protective Measures	0	\$17,500,000
Category C - Roads and Bridges	0	0
Category D - Water Control Facilities	0	0
Category E - Buildings and Equipment	0	0
Category F - Utilities	0	0
Category G - Other (Parks, Recreational Facilities, etc.)	0	0
<b>Total:</b>		\$17,500,000
<b>Grand Total:</b>		\$17,500,000



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The Honorable Esperanza "Hope" Andrade  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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*Esperanza Andrade*  
Secretary of State

Dear Madame Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Chief Executive Officer of the State of Texas, Governor Rick Perry has issued the following proclamation:

A proclamation certifying that certain counties in Texas are currently threatened by an extreme fire hazard due to a continuing disaster in several counties in Texas.

The original of this proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gregory S. Davidson*  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, RICK PERRY, Governor of the State of Texas, issued an Emergency Disaster Proclamation on December 21, 2010, as extreme fire hazard posed a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas.

WHEREAS, the extreme fire hazard continues to create a threat of disaster for the people in the State of Texas.

WHEREAS, the state of disaster includes the counties of Anderson, Andrews, Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Austin, Bailey, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brewster, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Carson, Cass, Castro, Chambers, Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dallas, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Denton, DeWitt, Dickens, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, El Paso, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Gaines, Galveston, Garza, Gillespie, Glasscock, Goliad, Gonzales, Gray, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hartley, Haskell, Hays, Hemphill, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Howard, Hudspeth, Hunt, Hutchison, Irion, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kenedy, Kent, Kerr, Kimble, King, Kinney, Kleberg, Knox, La Salle, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Llano, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Marion, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, McLennan, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Montgomery, Moore, Morris, Motley, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nolan, Nueces, Ochiltree, Oldham, Orange, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Polk, Potter, Presidio, Rains, Randall, Reagan, Real, Red River, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Shelby, Sherman, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Tarrant, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Ward, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Yoakum, Young, Zapata and Zavala.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby renew the disaster proclamation and direct that all necessary measures, both public and private as authorized under Section 418.017 of the code, be implemented to meet that disaster.

As provided in Section 418.016 of the code, all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the state of disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto signed my name  
and have officially caused the  
Seal of State to be affixed at my  
Office in the City of Austin,  
Texas, this the 15th day of April,  
2011.

*RICK PERRY*  
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RICK PERRY  
Governor

Attested by:

*Esperanza Andrade*  
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ESPERANZA "HOPE" ANDRADE  
Secretary of State

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